

## **HOUSE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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Introduced by: Dickinson

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring St. Lawrence Catholic Grade School as a recipient of the 2006 No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon School Award.

Whereas, St. Lawrence Catholic Grade School was among fourteen Indiana schools that were selected as 2006 No Child Left Behind - Blue Ribbon schools;

Whereas, The No Child Left Behind - Blue Ribbon School program honors public and private K-12 schools that are either academically superior in their states or that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement;

Whereas, To be named a No Child Left Behind - Blue Ribbon School, a school must meet one of two assessment criteria;

Whereas, Blue Ribbon schools must have either at least 40 percent of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds and dramatically improve student performance in accordance with



state assessment systems or score in the top ten percent on state assessments;

Whereas, At least one-third of the schools submitted by each state must meet the criteria where 40 percent of the students come from disadvantaged backgrounds;

Whereas, The program allows both elementary and secondary schools to be recognized in the same year;

Whereas, It is even more difficult for private schools than public schools to earn this honor;

Whereas, Before a private school can be nominated for a No Child Left Behind - Blue Ribbon School award, the Council of American Private Schools must approve the selection;

Whereas, Blue Ribbon schools are examples of what the students and teachers can achieve working together toward one goal

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives congratulates the teachers students, and parents of St. Lawrence Catholic Grade School for their outstanding accomplishment and wishes them continued success in the future.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House transmit a copy of this resolution to Betty Popp, principal of St. Lawrence Catholic Grade School.

